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In response to the Office communication mailed March 31, 2006, Applicants submit that the Office communication is similar to a previous Office communication mailed March 1, 2006. Again, Applicants point out that no amendment was filed. See Applicants' Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement filed in response to the Office communication mailed March 1, 2006. This response also indicated the election, and provided clarification of the claims which were readable on the elected species, per the Examiner's request. A copy of the Supplemental Response is enclosed, along with a copy of the PTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission, indicating the document was received in the PTO on March 23, 2006.

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